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FOR MANSFIELD ONLY FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JA, ECON, MNUC, PARM

SUBJECT: SALE OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND URANIUM TO JAPAN

1. DURING OUR WRAP-UP LUNCH TODAY, OWADA TOLD BOB STRAUSS OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA ATTACHED TO THE ADVANCE PURCHASE OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF URANIUM. GERARD SMITH, ALSO AT THE TABLE, SAID THAT WE LOOKED NEGATIVELY AT THE IDEA. BOB THEN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT JAPAN WAS THINKING ABOUT WHERE TO PURCHASE SOME THREE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, AND THAT HE HOPED THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE PURCHASED IN THE U.S. THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT HE HOPED OWADA WOULD MENTION PRIVATELY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. STRAUSS PROMISED TO REVIEW FURTHER

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THE URANIUM PURCHASE IDEA AND ASKED OWADA TO ASK FUKUDA WHAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON THE SALE OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. SMITH MADE CLEAR THAT FROM A NON-PROLIFERATION POINT OF VIEW THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE SALE OF THE EQUIPMENT. STRAUSS STRESSED THAT THIS WAS PROPERLY A MATTER FOR PRIVATE DEALINGS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICAN COMPANIES BUT GIVEN THE HUGE SIZE OF THE

POTENTIAL SALE, IT HAD LARGER IMPORTANCE.

2. I WILL SEND YOU A PERSONAL COMMENT ON THE EVENTS OF THE LAST WEEK AS SOON AS I CAN. BOB STRAUSS HAS CARRIED THE BALL FOR ALL OF US BRILLIANTLY, AND WE WILL BE SENDING BILL PIEZ BACK TO TOKYO WITH OUR SUGGESTED COURSE OF STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT MONTH. I HAVE ASKED HIM TO STAY HERE FOR A FEW MORE DAYS IN ORDER TO HELP PUT TOGETHER THAT RESPONSE. HIS PRESENCE HERE HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL. VANCE

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